Regular Session, 2006

ACT No. 862

HOUSE BILL NO. 206

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BY REPRESENTATIVES R. CARTER, M. POWELL, AND SMILEY

A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Article V, Section 15(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to authorize 3 the legislature by law to establish new judgeships for district courts with the new 4 division having limited or specialized jurisdiction within the territorial jurisdiction 5 of the district court and subject matter jurisdiction over family or juvenile matters as 6 provided by law; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the 7 electors; and to provide for related matters. 8 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members 9 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of 10 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to 11 amend Article V, Section 15(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows: 12 §15. Courts; Retention; Jurisdiction; Judicial District Changes; Terms 13 Section 15.(A) Court Retention; Trial Courts of Limited Jurisdiction. The 14 district, family, juvenile, parish, city, and magistrate courts existing on the effective 15 date of this constitution are retained. Subject to the limitations in Sections 16 and 16 21 of this Article, the legislature by law may abolish or merge trial courts of limited 17 or specialized jurisdiction. The legislature by law may establish trial courts of 18 limited jurisdiction with parishwide territorial jurisdiction and subject matter 19 jurisdiction which shall be uniform throughout the state. Effective January 1, 2007, 20 the legislature by law may establish new judgeships for district courts and establish 21 the new divisions with limited or specialized jurisdiction within the territorial 22 jurisdiction of the district court and subject matter jurisdiction over family or

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1	juvenile matters as provided by law. The office of city marshal is continued until the
2	city court he serves is abolished.
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4	Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
5	to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 7,
6	2006.
7	Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election
8	there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
9	to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall
10	read as follows:
11	To authorize the legislature to enact laws establishing new judgeships of
12	district courts as new divisions having limited or specialized jurisdiction
13	within the territorial jurisdiction of the district court and subject matter
14	jurisdiction over family or juvenile matters as provided by law. (Effective
15	January 1, 2007) (Amends Article V, Section 15(A)).

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE